

Family History Newsletter

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Yale University Archives

By Andrea Lister

Are any of your ancestors graduates of Yale University? If they are Yale graduates you might find information about them through the archives at Yale University.

My 6th great grand-father, Nathan Dewolf, was said to be a graduate of Yale so I contacted the archives to inquire. I was quickly emailed a PDF of a biographical sketch about Nathan that was published in 1885 in the "Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College with Annals of the College History; October 1701 – May 1745". It contained some interesting information about Nathan and his family that I have yet to verify.

Nathan Dewolf was the son of Josiah Dewolf and grandson of Simon and Sarah (Lay) Dewolf, all of Lyme, Connecticut. His mother was Anne, youngest daughter of Thomas and Miriam (Tracy) Waterman, of Norwich. A younger brother was graduated here in 1747. Nathan joined the church in Lyme, at the same time with his father, in June, 1741.

This was probably the Nathan Dewolf, of Saybrook, who enlisted as a private soldier and served as commissary in the

expedition against Crown Point in 1755.

He married Lydia, daughter of John and Lydia (Belden) Kirtland, of Saybrook, and the births of five children are on record (1755-60) there.

In 1761, with other his kindred, he took advantage of the inducements lately offered by the government of Nova Scotia, and removed to a tract of five hundred acres granted to him in Horton in that Province in the territory vacated by the unfortunate Acadian exiles. He became a prosperous farmer and died there.

From this information I learnt about Nathan's mother's family and a possible church and military career for Nathan. The archivist also told me that he had a brother Daniel Dewolfe who graduated in 1747 who died at the age of twenty-six in Lyme, Connecticut. The information that I had sought to confirm was that Nathan was indeed a graduate of Yale; I confirmed this information and gained additional avenues for research.

The Yale University Archives can be contacted at:

Manuscripts and Archives
Yale University Library
P.O. Box 208240
New Haven, CT 06520-8240

www.library.yale.edu/mssa/

Exhibition of War Bride Paintings come to Royal BC Museum

An evocative exhibition of war bride paintings created by Calgary artist Bev Tosh will be on display at the Royal BC Museum from May 8 to September 1, 2008.

Over the past three years this collection has travelled to venues across Canada with stops in Kelowna and Calgary in 2005, Saskatoon, Halifax and St. John's in 2006. It recently finished a run at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa between May 2007 and January 2008. It will return to BC in May at Victoria.

The exhibition now includes paintings of 60 war brides in their wedding outfits. They represent the 48,000 women who married Canadian soldiers during and after WWII. Over 44,000 of them came to Canada as war brides over 60 years ago. Each war bride is painted on planks of rough wood that measure 1x4 feet.

To learn more about the artist and her collection of unique paintings, visit her website: War Brides at www.warbrides.com.

Website Updates

HBC Archives Online

www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/biographical/index.html

We first told you about this biographical database in the June 2007 Family History Newsletter. The website now includes

information on long term employees from A to Z.

Passenger List Indexing Project

From the Nanaimo Family History Society

<http://members.shaw.ca/nanaimo.fhs/>

The index of passenger lists for arrivals into Canada at Quebec has now been updated to include arrivals between 29 May 1907 to 8 Jul 1907. The Friends of Dave Howard have been indexing the arrivals at Quebec between 28 May 1898 to 16 Sep 1899. This index can be viewed at <http://members.shaw.ca/nfhspaxlists/>.

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

- **AGS Member Using the Family Search Database**, with Donna Bohnet, Apr 15, 2008, 6:30 pm.
- **AGS Member Scotland's People Database**, with Chris Longley, May 20, 2008, 6:30 pm.
- **Breaking Down Brick Walls**, AGS Members Round Table Discussions, June 17, 2008, 6:30 pm.

British Columbia Genealogical Society

- **Some Underused Sources for English Genealogy | Tracing Birth, Deaths & Marriages at Sea | World War I Army Service Records at The National Archives & Elsewhere**, with Dr. Chris Watts, International Speaker & Author, Saturday, May 10, 2008, Doors open at 8:30 am / Seminar 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. www.bcgsc.ca

Cloverdale Library

5642-176A Street, Surrey offers free orientations the 1st Saturday of every month 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Spring 2008

- **Start Searching Your Family History - a Beginners' Workshop in 5 Lessons** with Brenda Smith, Mondays, March 31, April 14 & 28, May 26 & June 9, 2008, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Fee \$100.

Fall 2008

- **Start Searching Your Family History - a Beginners' Workshop in 5 Lessons** with Brenda Smith, Mondays, September 29, October 13 & 27, November 24, 2008 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Fee \$100.

Classes fill up quickly; if the course is full, put your name on the waiting list for the next available class.

Pre-registration is required – please check the Genealogy section of the Surrey Public Library website www.spl.surrey.bc.ca or call us at 604-598-7328 for further information and updates.

Surrey Archives

- **Archival Treasures**, Saturday, April 19, 2008, 11:00 am – 12 noon. Must pre-register. Fee: \$10.
- **Surrey's Early Years**, Saturday, April 26, 11:00 am – 12 noon. Must pre-register. Fee: \$10.
- **Light Rail Transit in Surrey**, Saturday, May 3, 2008. 11:00 am – 12 noon. Must pre-register. Fee: \$10.
- **Protecting Your Family Photos**, Saturday, May 10, 2008, 11:00 am – 12 noon. Must pre-register. Fee: \$10.

Please pre-register by calling 604-592-6956, or 24-hr PhoneReg at 604-501-5100. Register online at www.surrey.ca/Living+in+Surrey/Heritage/Heritage+Services+and+Facilities/Surrey+Archives/Public+Programs.htm

Vancouver Public Library

- **Canadian Census Records**, Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 10:30 – 12:20 pm. Registration required. Free.